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9	UNITED STATES	DISTRICT COURT	
10	CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – WESTERN DIVISION		
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12	Main Street Senior Living, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company,	CASE NO: 2:24-cv-00402-MWF (MARx)	
13	Plaintiff,		
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16	Everest Oceanside Acquisition Holding LLC, a Delaware limited liability company	ORDER y;	
17	Everest Oceanside Blessing Star, LLC, a California limited liability company; Ever Senior Living, LLC, a Delaware limited	es Judge: Hon. Michael W. Fitzgerald 5A	
18	California limited liability company; Ever Senior Living, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; Edward Pan, an individual; Eric Lao, an	Complaint Filed: January 16, 2024	
19 20	individual; Charlene Lee, an individual; James Chan, an individual; and Ferlina McBride, an individual,	First Amended Complaint Filed: May 16, 2024	
21	Defendants	Second Amended Complaint Filed:	
22		August 30, 2024 Trial Date: May 12, 2026	
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	[PROPOSED] ORDER ON STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER		

I. **PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

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Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the Court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth in Section XIII(C), below, that this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the Court to file material under seal.

II. **GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT**

This action is likely to involve potential trade secrets of Plaintiff Main Street Senior Living, LLC, Patient Health Information including Protected Health Information as defined in the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), documents pertaining to valuations of the Defendants Everest Oceanside Acquisition Holding, LLC, Everest Oceanside Blessing Star, LLC, and Everest Senior Living, LLC, Inc., and the Parties' financial records, business records and other valuable research, development, commercial, financial, technical and proprietary information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecution of this action is warranted. Such confidential and proprietary materials and information consist of, among other things, confidential business or financial information, information regarding confidential business practices, or other confidential research, development, or commercial information (including information implicating privacy rights of third parties), information otherwise generally unavailable to the public, or which may be privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure under state or federal statutes, court rules, case decisions, or common law.

Accordingly, to expedite the flow of information, to facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over confidentiality of discovery materials, to adequately protect information the parties are entitled to keep confidential, to ensure that the parties are permitted reasonable necessary uses of such material in preparation for and in the conduct of trial, to address their handling at the end of the litigation, and to serve the ends of justice, a protective order for such information is justified in this matter. It is the intent of the parties that information will not be designated as confidential for tactical reasons and that nothing be so designated without a good faith belief that it has been maintained in a confidential, non-public manner, and there is good cause why it should not be part of the public record of this case.

III. **DEFINITIONS**

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- A. Action: Main Street Senior Living, LLC v. Everest Oceanside Acquisition Holding, LLC, et al. Case No. 2:24-cv-00402-MWF-MAR
- Challenging Party: A Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation В. of information or items under this Order.
- "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items: Information (regardless of how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things contained or disclosed in any materials, including documents, portions of documents, answers to interrogatories, responses to requests for admissions, trial testimony, deposition testimony, and transcripts of trial testimony and depositions, including data, summaries, and compilations derived therefrom that qualify for protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as specified above in the Good Cause Statement.
- D. Counsel: All counsel of record throughout the litigation, including outside counsel of record, and other attorneys, paralegals, secretaries, and support staff employed in the office of any counsel of record.
- E. Designating Party: A Party or Non-Party that designates information

Protected Material: Any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is

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- designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL FOR COUNSEL ONLY."
- O. Receiving Party: A Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a Producing Party.

IV. **SCOPE**

The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only Protected Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material.

Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by the orders of the trial judge. This Order does not govern the use of Protected Material at trial.

\mathbf{V} . **DURATION**

Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise directs. Final disposition shall be deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and defenses in this Action, with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the completion and exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this Action, including the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time pursuant to applicable law.

VI. **DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

- Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. A.
- 1. Each Party or Nonparty that designates information or items for protection under this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. The Designating Party must designate for protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or communications that qualify so that other portions of the material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is

- 2. Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (*e.g.*, to unnecessarily encumber the case development process or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Designating Party to sanctions.
 - 3. If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it designated for protection do not qualify for protection, that Designating Party must promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing the inapplicable designation.
- B. Manner and Timing of Designations.

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in this Order (*see, e.g.*, Section B(2)(b) below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or produced.
- 2. Designation in conformity with this Order requires the following:
- a. For information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing Party affix at a minimum, the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" (hereinafter "CONFIDENTIAL legend"), to each page that contains protected material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).
- b. For information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing Party affix, the legend

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- "CONFIDENTIAL **FOR COUNSEL** ONLY" "CONFIDENTIAL – FOR COUNSEL ONLY legend"), to each page that contains protected material, only if, in the good faith belief of such party and its Counsel, the information is among that considered to be most sensitive by the party, including but not limited to trade secret or other confidential data related to research, development, finances, or customers. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).
 - A Party or Nonparty that makes original documents available for c. inspection need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated which documents it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and before the designation, all of the material made available for inspection shall be deemed "CONFIDENTIAL - FOR COUNSEL ONLY" After the inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order. Then, before producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must affix the "CONFIDENTIAL legend" or "CONFIDENTIAL – FOR COUNSEL ONLY legend" to each page that contains Protected Material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualify for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).
 - For testimony given in depositions, that the Designating Party identify the d. Disclosure or Discovery Material on the record, before the close of the deposition, all protected testimony.
 - For information produced in form other than document and for any other e.

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tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the container or containers in which the information is stored the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL – FOR COUNSEL ONLY." If only a portion or portions of the information warrants protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).

C. Inadvertent Failure to Designate.

1. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party's right to secure protection under this Order for such material. Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this Stipulated Protective Order.

VII. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

- A. Timing of Challenges.
- 1. Any party or Non-Party may challenge a designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court's Scheduling Order.
- B. Meet and Confe<u>r.</u>
 - 1. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute resolution process which shall comply with Local Rule 37.1 et seq., and with Honorable Margo A. Rocconi's Procedures ("Section 1(b) Pre-Motion Telephonic Conference"). 1
- C. The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on

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¹ Honorable Margo A. Rocconi' Procedures are available at https://www.cacd.uscourts.gov/honorable-margo-rocconi.

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other parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the Designating Party has waived or withdrawn the confidentiality designation, all parties shall continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party's designation until the Court rules on the challenge.

VIII. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIALS

- A. Basic Principles.
- 1. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this Action. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the Action has been terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of Section XIV below.
- 2. Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.
 - B. Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items.
- 1. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated "CONFIDENTIAL" only to:
- a. The Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of Record in this Action, as well as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this Action;
- b. The officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action;
- c. Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);

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- d. The Court and its personnel;
- e. Court reporters and their staff;
- f. Professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary or this Action and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to be Bound" attached as Exhibit A hereto;
- g. The author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information;
- h. During their depositions, witnesses, and attorneys for witnesses, in the Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (i) the deposing party requests that the witness sign the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound;" and (ii) they will not be permitted to keep any confidential information unless they sign the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound," unless otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the Court. Pages of transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material may be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order; and
- i. Any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting personnel, mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement discussions.
- C. Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL FOR COUNSEL ONLY" Information or Items.
- 1. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated "CONFIDENTIAL FOR COUNSEL ONLY" only to:
- a. The Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of Record in this Action, as well as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this Action;
- b. Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the

"Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);

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- c. Insurance carriers for the Parties providing coverage in the Action;
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- d. The Court and its personnel;
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- f. The author or recipient of a document containing the information or a

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- custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.
- 2. All information that has been designated as "CONFIDENTIAL – FOR COUNSEL ONLY" by the producing or disclosing party, and any and all reproductions of that information, must be retained in the custody of the Counsel for the receiving party, except that independent experts authorized to view such information under the terms of this Order may retain custody of copies as necessary for their participation in this litigation, but only during the course of this litigation. The principals, employees or other agents of the parties who received information prior to and apart from this litigation that was subsequently disclosed in this litigation as being either "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL – FOR COUNSEL ONLY" may also retain copies of that information as is necessary for use in their respective businesses.

IX. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION

- If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other Α. litigation that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this Action as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL - FOR COUNSEL ONLY," that Party must:
 - Promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall 1. include a copy of the subpoena or court order;
 - Promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to 2. issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such notification shall include a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order; and

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by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected. If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served В.

Cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued

with the subpoena or court order shall not produce any information designated in this action as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL - FOR COUNSEL ONLY," before a determination by the Court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party's permission. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that court of its confidential material and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this Action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

X. **NON-PARTY'S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT** PRODUCED IN THIS LITIGATION

- The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-A. Party in this Action and designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL - FOR COUNSEL ONLY." Such information produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protection.
- В. In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to produce a Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and the Party is subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's confidential information, then the Party shall:
 - Promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Nonparty 1. that some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement with a Non-Party;
 - Promptly provide the Nonparty with a copy of the Stipulated 2. Protective Order in this Action, the relevant discovery request(s), and a

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reasonably specific description of the information requested; and

- Make the information requested available for inspection by the Nonparty, 3. if requested.
- If the Non-Party fails to seek a protective order from this Court within C. 14 days after receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party may produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the discovery request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall not produce any information in its possession or control that is subject to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the Court. Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material.

XI. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has Α. disclosed Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (1) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (2) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (3) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and (4) request such person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

XII. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED MATERIAL

When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil <u>Procedure 26(b)(5)(B)</u>. This provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order that provides for production without prior privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d) and (e), insofar as the

information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work product protection, the parties may incorporate their agreement in the Stipulated Protective Order submitted to

parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure of a communication or

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the Court.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

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A. Right to Further Relief

7 8 1. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

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B. Right to Assert Other Objections.

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1. By stipulating to the entry of this Stipulated Protective Order, no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or

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producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in this

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Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object

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on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Stipulated Protective Order.

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C. Filing Protected Material.

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Material at issue. If a Party's request to file Protected Material under seal

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is denied by the Court, then the Receiving Party may file the information

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in the public record unless otherwise instructed by the Court.

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XIV. FINAL DISPOSITION

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A. After the final disposition of this Action, as defined in Section V, within sixty (60) days of a written request by the Designating Party, each Receiving Party must

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return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such material. As used

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in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts, compilations,

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summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected

Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 60-day deadline that (1) identifies (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material that was returned or destroyed and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings; motion papers; trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts; legal memoranda; correspondence; deposition and trial exhibits; expert reports; attorney work product; and consultant and expert work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Order as set forth in Section V.

B. Any violation of this Order may be punished by any and all appropriate measures including, without limitation, contempt proceedings and/or monetary sanctions.

IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

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Dated: November 21, 2024

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Jonathan M. Saffer Kaylee J. Ivy (pro hac) Ashley Naff Attorneys for Plaintiff Main Street Senior Living, LLC.

[Additional signatures on the following page]

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1 **EXHIBIT A** 2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND I, [print or type full name], of 3 [print or type full address], 4 5 declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the 6 Central District of California on [DATE] in the case of Main Street Senior Living, 7 8 LLC v. Everest Oceanside Acquisition Holding, LLC, et al. Case No. 2:24-cv-00402-MWF-MAR. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated 9 10 Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could 11 expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this 12 Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the 13 provisions of this Stipulated Protective Order. 14 15 I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this 16 Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after 17 18 termination of this action. I hereby appoint 19 [print or type full name] of 20 [print or type full address and telephone number] as my California agent for service of process in connection with 21 this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of this Stipulated Protective 22 23 Order. 24 Date: 25 City and State Where Sworn and Signed: 26 Printed Name: 27 Signature: 28

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